Award ID: 10-91

Project Title: West Central Texas Rural Community Outreach

Award Mechanism: Legacy Grant

Principal Investigator: Estes, Nancy

Entity: Cancer Services Network

Lay Summary:

Cancer Services Network (CSN) is a local non-profit, established in 2001 and located in Abilene, which strives to provide emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients in West Central Texas. The organization has a 19 county service area. CSN estimates that 1300 cancer survivors are in need of support in the service area today. CSN focuses on providing six primary services: emergency funds, insurance continuation, medical supplies, nutritional supplements, prescription assistance, and transportation assistance. Funding from CPRIT for this project will secure 2 social workers for the organization who would continue providing and coordinating services including: counseling, educational seminars, emotional/social programs, support groups, and linkages for patients to other appropriate CSN services. Out-of-state travel is requested to allow 2 staff members to attend the Cancer Agencies National Staff Association conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to learn strategies that will strengthen programming for the project.